

Microsoft NZ addresses the questions published in the New Zealand cloud computing framework.

Microsoft and NZ Cloud Computing Security and Privacy Considerations

To help agencies undertake their analysis and evaluation of Microsoft enterprise cloud services, Microsoft New Zealand has produced a series of documents showing how its enterprise cloud services address the questions set out in the *Cloud Computing ISPC* by linking them to the standards against which Microsoft cloud services are certified. These certifications are central to how Microsoft assures both public and private sector customers that its cloud services are designed, built, and operated to effectively mitigate privacy and security risks and address data sovereignty concerns.

Microsoft in-scope cloud services

- Azure and Azure Government
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- Dynamics 365
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- Intune
- Office 365 includes Exchange Online, SharePoint Online, and Skype for Business Online
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- Power BI cloud service either as a standalone service or as included in an Office 365 branded plan or suite

How to implement

- **Microsoft responses to CC ISPC**
Explore Microsoft responses to the questions in the due-diligence framework published by NZ GCIO.
 - [Azure](#)
 - [Dynamics 365](#)
 - [Intune](#)
 - [Office 365](#)
 - [Power BI](#)
- **Microsoft NZ cloud guidance**
Microsoft NZ and the GCIO developed a reference architecture for integrating Exchange Online and SEEMail.
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About New Zealand Government Cloud Computing Security and Privacy

In October 2015, the New Zealand Government endorsed a revised all-government ICT strategy, [NZ Government ICT Strategy 2015](#), that reaffirmed its cloud first policy on using information technology across the public sector. The revised strategy retains the [Cloud Computing Risk and Assurance Framework](#) that was developed and implemented in 2013 under the authority of the NZ Government Chief Information Officer (GCIO).

The government expects all New Zealand State Service agencies to work within this framework when assessing and adopting cloud services. The *Requirements for Cloud Computing* outlines what agencies must do when adopting cloud services along with an overview of the history of the government's cloud policy.

To assist NZ government agencies in conducting consistent and robust due diligence on potential cloud solutions, the GCIO has published [Cloud Computing: Information Security and Privacy Considerations \(ISPC\)](#) (the Cloud Computing ISPC). This document contains more than 100 questions focused on data sovereignty, privacy, security, governance, confidentiality, data integrity, availability, and incident response and management. Note that the Cloud Computing ISPC does not define a NZ government standard against which cloud service providers (CSPs) must demonstrate formal compliance. Many of the questions set out in the document do, however, point toward the importance of understanding how CSPs comply with a wide array of relevant standards.

Frequently asked questions

To whom does the framework apply?

Organizations that fall under the GCIO mandate—the public and non-public service departments, the 20 district health boards, and seven Crown entities—must adhere to the framework when they are deciding on the use of a cloud service. The complete list of agencies mandated to follow the framework is available on the [ICT Assurance Scope](#) page. The government expects other [State Service Agencies](#) to follow this framework as well.

Can my agency use Microsoft responses to this framework in the certification process of our ICT systems?

If your agency is required to undertake certification and accreditation of its ICT system under the [New Zealand Information Security Manual](#), then you can use these responses as part of your analysis.

Additional resources

[NZ Government requirements for cloud computing](#)

[Cloud Computing: Information Security and Privacy Considerations](#) (New Zealand Government)

[Using Cloud Services](#)

[Security Requirements for Offshore Hosted Office Productivity services: Conformance Guide for Office 365](#)

[Microsoft Online Services Terms](#)